Key Competencies

Using Language, Symbols and Text

Using language, symbols, and texts is about working with and making meaning of the codes in which knowledge is expressed.

Languages and symbols are systems for representing and communicating information, experiences, and ideas.

People use languages and symbols to produce texts of all kinds: written, oral/aural, and visual; informative and imaginative; informal and formal; mathematical, scientific, and technological.

Students who are competent users of language, symbols, and texts can interpret and use words, number, images, movement, metaphor, and technologies in a range of contexts.

They recognise how choices of language, symbol, or text affect people’s understanding and the ways in which they respond to communications.

They confidently use ICT (including, where appropriate, assistive technologies) to access and provide information and to communicate with others.